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SUBJECT: FINLAND'S FISHING ZONE

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1. MFA LEGAL OFFICE PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION, KEYED TO QUESTIONS REFTEL.

2. QUESTION (A) "VILLAGE LIMITS" IS OLD ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT. ALL LAND DIVIDED AMONG VILLAGES. TERM REFERS TO FISHING ACT OF 1951, AND HAS NO OPERATIVE MEANING IN NEW FISHING ZONE. IN EFFECT PRIVILEGES AVAILABLE IN 4 MILE ZONE UNDER 1941 ACT NOW AVAILABLE IN 12 MILE ZONE. IN 1951 ACT VILLAGES ALLOWED TO REGULATE FISHING FROM LAND OR ISLANDS IN THEIR AREA, AND IN SMALL SUBSTANTIALLY ENCLOSED WATER AREAS. CRITERIA, TERM CLARIFICATION AND PERMISSIBLE RESTRICTIONS COVERED IN 1951 ACT, COPY OF WHICH EMB HAS ORDERED AND WILL POUCH.

3. (B) "DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES" DOES NOT RPT NOT PERMIT COMMERCIAL USE OF FISH. BENEFITS PARA 3 ONLY AVAILABLE TO NORDIC CITIZENS(NORWAY, SWEDEN, DENMARK, ICELAND).

4. (C) UNDER CURRENT LAW USSR FLEET WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALLOWED TO FISH IN ZONE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1976. MFA NOTED THAT LAW ALLOWS SPECIAL AGREEMENTS TO BE NEGOTIATED

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TO PERMIT EXCEPTIONS TO ZONE, BUT STATED NO AGREEMENT

EXISTS NOR IS ANY IN THE WORKS.

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